

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Application No. : 09/852,209 Confirmation No. : 3846
First Named Inventor : Ulf Ericksson
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TC/A.U. : 1647
Examiner : L. Spector
Docket No. : 029065.44740CP
Customer No. : 23911
Title : Platelet-Derived Growth Factor C, DNA Coding Therefor
and Uses Thereof

LETTER

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to the Response filed on February 5, 2005, and in response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004, applicants submit this letter and, concurrently herewith, a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for Extension of Time, to ensure the pending status of the above-identified application.

It is respectfully submitted that, the Notice of Appeal and the Petition for Extension of Time are not necessary because it was improper for the Office Action of October 5 to be made final. As indicated in Applicants' Response to the Office Action filed on February 5, 2005, the Office Action contains new grounds of rejection, based on prior art not previously cited, and the rejections are not caused by applicants' prior amendments.

In the Response filed on February 5, 2005, applicants requested reconsideration by the Examiner and withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action.

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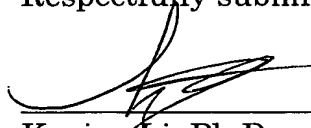
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Reply to Office Action

Accordingly, applicants hereby request that the Notice of Appeal fee and the extension of time fee be refunded to the applicants' Deposit Account No. 05-1323, Docket No.: 029065.44740CP.

April 5, 2005

Respectfully submitted,



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